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FOR IATF CHAIRMAN AND WILSON

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WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO REPORT IN TELCONS AND TO IATF VISITORS ON QUICK ESTABLISHMENT OF UNHCR OFFICE HERE BEGINNING WITH ARRIVAL OF DAVID ARNOLD, UNHCR REP LATE THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 29 AND ITS SMOOTH BUILD-UP AND OPERATION SINCE THAT TIME END WISH TO CONFIRM AND RECORD THAT NOW. ELL SCC PRE-PLANNING WAS PREDICATED ON PRINCIPLE OF UNHCR'S SEPARATENESS FROM AND INDEPENDENCE OF USG ON THE ONE HAND AND OF USG RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE REQUESTED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ONLY REPEAT ONLY ON THE OTHER. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAD IN READINESS FOR ARNOLD'S ARRIVAL A SEPARATE BUILDING, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO UNHCR-DIRECTED STAFF COMPOSED OF ARNOLD; SPECIAL RED CROSS WORKERS SENONDED TO HIM UNDER ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT BETWEEN UNHCR AND

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RED CROSS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS; AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEE INTERPRETERS/TRANSLATORS. THIS BUILDING WAS CHOSEN AT A SITE FAR DISTANT FROM FACILITIES USED BY RED CROSS PERSONNEL PROVIDING REGULAR SERVICES FOR REFUGEES. UNHCR ARNOLD AND ENSO BIGANNATI OF RED CROSS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (WHO ARRIVED WITH ARNOLD TO ASSIST HIM IN INSTRUCTING SPECIAL RED CROSS STAFF IN INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE

AND USE OF THE SNHCR QUESTIONNAIRE) HAVE BOTH EXPRESSED FULL SATISFACTION WITH THESE FACILITIES AND USG SUPPORT WHEN REQUESTED. WE HAD ALSO MADE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UNHCR REP AND BIGANNATI TO MEET PRIVATELY IN CLOSED THEATER FRIDAY MORNINO, MAY 30, WITH THOSE REFUGEES WHO HAD UP TO THEN MADE KNOWN TO SCC STAFF THEIR INTEREST IN RETURNING OT VIETNAM AS WELL AS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARNOLD TO MEET WITH PRESS BEFORE AND AFTER THAT PRIVATE SESSION. ARNOLD RATIFIED THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ONE EXECPTION, REQUESTING SPECIFICALLY THAT MACDONALD ATTEND UNHCR'S FIRST MEETING WITH PETITIONERS BECAUSE HE ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS OF USG POLICY MIGHT BE ASKED BY PETITIONERS. MACDONALD AGREED, ATTENDED AND ANSWERED SUCH QUESTIONS WHICH DID IN FACT ARISE. OVER WEEKEND, ARNOLD AND BIGANNATI PREHARED FOR INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED TO BEGINE ON MONDAY JUNE 2. BI-LINGUIST DONALD STADER OF SCC STAFF

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WAS LOANED TO UNHCR REP AT HIS REQUEST TO ASSIST IN VERIFYING ENGLISH COMPETENCE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEE VOLUNTEERS SELECTED BY UNHCR TO SERVE AS TRANSLATORS/INTERPRETORS. OTHER SCC STAFF PROVIDED VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUCH AS DUPLICATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE, ETC. ALSO OVER WEEKEND, REFUGEES INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO VIETNAM BEGAN APPROACHING UNCHR DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH SCC STAFF, AS COUNSELLED BY UNHCR ARNOLD IN THEATER MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 30. THIS CHANGE WAS CONFIRMED IN REVISION OF DAILY NOTICE IN VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4. ON JUNE 2, UNHCR INTERVIEWING COMMENCED AND HAS CONTINUED AS REPORTED IN OUR SITREPS, AND DONALD STADER HAS BEEN RETURNED TO HIS SCC STAFF DUTIES. WITH CHANGE TO CHANNEL PETITIONERS DIRECTLY TO UNHCR AND IN LIGHT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH WISNER AND TEAM JUNE 3 AND 4, WE ARE DISCONTINUING OUR DAILY REPORTING (PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED BY REFTEL: STATE 112244) OF NAMES OF REFUGEES SEEKING REPATRIATION. BEGINNING UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH SITREP FOR JUNE 5, WE ARE TRANSMITTING TO IATF ONLY NUMBERS OF REFUGEES REQUESTING INTERVIEWS WITH UNHCR REP (SITREP PARA 3-C) AND NUMBERS OF COMPLETED UNHCR APPLICATIONS (SITREP PARA 3-D). WE RECEIVE THESE NUMBERS FROM UNHCR.

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WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE SMOOTHNESS AND QUIET EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNHCR OPERATION AND ARE WELL SATISFIED THAT THE POSTURE STRUCK BETWEEN UNHCR AND USG HERE IS PROPER, AND WELL UNDERSTOOD, BY VIETNAMESE, UNHCR AND US STAFF HERE. YOU MAY WISH TO REPEAT FOREGOING TO US MISSION GENEVA FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND, IF YOU DEEM IT, USE WITH UNHCR THERE. WE UNDERSTAND UNHCR REP HAS SENT COMPARABLE ACCOUNT TO HIS HEADUQUARTER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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